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April 13, 1961

The Athens Clarke County Library Board met on April 13, 1961 for a luncheon meeting at the Athens Country Club at one p.m. The occasion was in honor of Mrs. Weldon Lynch of Louisiana, a library board member and a candidate for president of the American Association of Library Trustees. Accompanying Mrs. Lynch to Athens was Miss Roxanna Austin on the State Department of Education. No business was transacted as this was a social meeting.

Paul E. Thant
Director + Secretary

August 5, 1961

The Athens-Clarke County Library Board met at the Regional Library on Tuesday afternoon, August 5, 1961 at 5 o'clock. Members present were: M.B. Perry, Richard Bloodworth, W. W. Wier, Mrs. J. B. Neighbors, Mrs. Frank Dudley, Troutman Wilson and Sarah Maret.

Minutes of the past two meetings were read and approved.

The Chairman, Troutman Wilson, reported that four air-conditioning units had been installed in the library by the Athens Refrigeration and Appliance Company and that the bill had been sent to Mayor Snow for payment. (The bill amounted to \$1,004.16 plus \$30.12 tax for a total of \$1,034.28). The payment of this bill by the city was in lieu of the \$1,500.00 in the library budget under the Contingent Fund.

The Chairman also reported that the bookmobile had been painted by the C. A. Trussell Motor Company at a cost of \$125.00. The new color chosen for the bookmobile was yellow.

The Director reported that no progress had been made on securing quarters at the Welfare office on Cobb Street for the bookmobile. Unofficially she had been told that the cost of fixing the basement of the house for the bookmobile would be something like \$5,000.00 and that this was more than the County wanted to put into the building.

It was reported that our new allocation of state funds for the year 1961-62 would be \$14,852 for books with a special allotment of \$5,000.00 (which is actually federal funds channeled through the state).

A statement for a book policy for the library was read. It was moved by Mr. Wier and seconded by Mrs. Neighbors that the policy be adopted. Motion carried. A statement of working conditions for library personnel was read and discussed. Mr. Wier moved that the statement be adopted as read. Motion was seconded by Mr. Bloodworth. Motion carried.

The Director reported that a number of persons had indicated an interest in "rapid reading". A letter from the Reading Dynamics Corporation was read. During the discussion it was pointed out that this seemed to be quite a commercial venture. It was the concensus of opinion of the board that the library would not want to sponsor such a reading course.

Service to Negroes in the main library was discussed. The Director reported that when Negroes came into the library they were served as any of the other population of the community. The board endorsed the handing of library service to Negroes as it was now being given.

It was pointed out by the Director that the Dunbar Branch Librarian was in bad mental state and that someone should be secured to help with this library. It was decided that for the time being the librarian might work as she was doing and that another person should be employed to help with this library.

Social Security for the four state paid librarians was discussed. The Director was asked to investigate how much it would cost the library for the state paid personnel to be covered by Social Security.

Small paper book, carrying bags lettered with BOOKS FROM ATHENS REGIONAL LIBRARY were shown to the group. The bags, selling for five cents, serve as publicity for the library.

A nominating committee composed of Mr. Perry, chairman, Mr. Bloodworth, and Mrs. Mendenhall was appointed by the chairman.

There was no other business. Meeting was adjourned.

*Barth & Mait
Secretary*

December 19, 1961

The Athens-Clarke County Library Board met at the Regional Library on Tuesday, December 19, 1961 at 5 p.m.

Members present were: Troutman Wilson, W. W. Wier, Mrs. F. H. Mendenhall, Judge Arthur Oldham, Mrs. J. B. Neighbors, Marvin Perry and Sarah Maret.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Participation in the Social Security program for the four state paid librarians in the system was discussed. The Director reported that a letter from the Employee's Retirement System of Georgia had been received stating that these librarians were eligible for Social Security and giving some of the details of the program. One of the factors was that a referendum vote must be held among the four concerned to determine their wishes about participating in the program. A meeting with the Employee's Retirement director should be held before February 1. It was moved by Mrs. Mendenhall and seconded by Mr. Perry that the library participate in the program for any or all of the four staff members concerned who wished to be covered by Social Security. Motion was carried.

The Chairman reported that a new librarian had been employed at the Dunbar Branch Library. She is Pauline Cobb. The Director reported that the Dunbar Library wished to have a telephone. She reported the cost would be \$10.00 installation fee and \$9.44 monthly charges. It was moved by Mr. Wier that the telephone be installed. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Neighbors and carried. The Director reported that a direct line with an unlisted number was needed at the main library. It was decided to delay action on this matter.

The budget for 1962 was distributed to the members. The Chairman discussed changes in the budget. By common consent the budget was adopted as presented.

Summary of a letter which the library had received from the Urban Renewal Office was discussed. It was noted that the library building is within the bounds of the Urban Renewal Program.

The Director reported that the library had been the recipient of seven sets of sixty records each from the Columbia Record Co. She reported ~~that~~ the value to be something like \$1,800.00 and that this was quite a nice gift to the library. As soon as they have been catalogued and processed they would be distributed to the various branches in the region.

The nominating committee's report was given by Mr. Perry, Chairman, as follows:

Chairman- Troutman Wilson
V. Chairman- Richard Bloodworth
Treasurer- Thomas H. Milner, Jr.
Sec. Secretary- Mrs. F. H. Mendenhall

These officers were unanimously elected.

It was moved by Mr. Perry and seconded by Mrs. Neighbors that a Christmas bonus be given to the staff. The amount to be as follows: \$25.00 to full-time employees and \$15.00 to part-time employees. The amount to be given to the hourly workers would be determined by the Chairman and the Director. Motion was carried.

The Director reported that she had called the Assistant Director of the University Library, Miss Fritz, to ascertain the pay scale for student assistants at the University Library. It was learned that the Regional Library's pay scale was somewhat lower than the University's. She recommended that the Board give consideration to raising the hourly wage of some of the student assistants now employed at the library. It was moved by Mr. Wier and seconded by Mrs. Mendenhall that the Chairman and Director be given authority to grant small increases to the student assistants in the library. Motion carried.

There was no other business. The meeting was adjourned.

Barth E. Mart
Secretary